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Anniversary of the Naming of Astoria.

Ninety-three years ago today Astoria was named. The Astor party had arrived a few days previous, set about to erect the necessary buildings for the immediate comfort of the travelers, and on May 11, 1811, finished their labor.

Ninety-three years ago it was a matter of small consideration that 93 years later Clatsop county should have noted a total registration of 2624; that the grand lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekah assembly of the state of Oregon should be in session; that the monument marking the resting place of the hapless Donald McTavish, the British governor, who was doomed to die seven years later, should have just been returned after having been swiped by a patriot anxious to preserve the memory

of the British representative; that the members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce should be experiencing so much difficulty in locating the exact spot on which Fort Astoria was erected. The pioneers went ahead with the work of constructing the fort, perhaps believing it would be intact 100 years later, a stately monument to their zeal.

From the diary of Alexander Ross, one of Mr. Hunt's party, the following is taken:

"The place selected (for the fort and buildings) was studded with gigantic trees, many measuring 50 feet in girth, and so close together and intermingled with high rocks as to make it a work of no ordinary labor to level and clear the ground. * * * On the fourth day after landing we planted potatoes and sowed a few garden seeds, and on the 16th laid foundation of first building.

Timbers on site too large and men went back a distance for timber and carried it on their shoulders. Eight men were harnessed for this purpose. In six days they carried the timber for a store 60x26 feet.

"On 18th (of May, 1811), as soon as foundation was finished, the establishment was named Astoria."

And this simple entry in the pioneer's diary tells the story of the naming of the city whose history is the history of the progress of the United States government in its western achievements. With the long journey of the Astor party over 3000 miles of wilderness and waste all good Americans are familiar—a journey undertaken for the express purpose of accomplishing the construction of the post at the mouth of the western river and christening it Astoria.

How Bosses Are Created

Why Small Parties Are Not Included in Primary Election Law.

Oregon City, Ore., May 16.—(To the Editor.)—The reasons political parties casting less than 25 per cent of the total vote are not included in the proposed primary nominating election law are: No political party is in danger of creating a boss until after some of its candidates have been elected; it is not likely to elect candidates until it casts more than 25 per cent of the total vote; up to that time its nomination of candidates for office is only one method of getting its ideas before the people, and the cost of its conventions is a legitimate part of the expense of advertising its new ideas, and should not be charged to the public treasury. If the smaller parties were obliged to act under this law, the only change would be to add somewhat to the expenses and to greatly increase the work of the judges and clerks at the nominating election. The above are the reasons which influenced the committee in placing political parties likely to elect candidates in a class by themselves. If experience proves this to have been an error in judgment the law may easily be amended in that particular.

As to the need for such a law, your county may not locally need it, though no more bitter complaint of machine rule has been made anywhere than have sometimes been heard from citizens of Clatsop county. Multnomah has no more bitter factional fights than have troubled the people of Marion, Clackamas, Lane, Douglas, Umatilla, Union and Wasco, not to mention other counties whose troubles have seldom attracted the attention of the whole state. Factional fights for the control of the party machine in the principle counties greatly affect the state government, and in that way react upon the people in every county. The men who advocate this bill do not say that it will produce perfect political conditions, but they do believe it will work as great an improvement in making nominations for office as the Australian ballot law made in conducting the general elections. Yours truly,
W. S. UREN.

SHORT WHEAT CROP.

Deficit in United States Will Be 60,000,000 Bushels.
Chicago, May 17.—The latest advices from the experts are that the wheat from the experts are that the wheat fully 60,000,000 bushels less than that of last year. Conservative traders say

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that this estimate of a decrease may be rather extravagant, but everybody appears confident that the crop will be very materially less than last year's. On the strength of these reports the general sentiment in the west is becoming much more bullish. Late last week prices advanced sharply all along the line, and the better part of the gains was maintained. There is no question that the shorts are very uneasy.

Jones, the Minneapolis wheat expert, declares that the eight leading wheat states east of the Rockies will fall 60,000,000 bushels short of last year's wheat production, and that at the best the country will fall 20,000,000 bushels under last year. Expert Snow says the May condition of wheat will be considerably under that of April. Conservative men say that the Oklahoma yield will not be more than 50 per cent of an average crop. The Illinois report reduces the acreage 13 per cent to 1,300,000 acres, and says that there will not be more than 75 per cent of an average crop.

The World's Fair Route.

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Do Women Dress Men Well?

A New York tailor has been airing a peculiar grievance in the press of that conglomerate city. He complains that men's clothes are not sufficiently described in current fiction. Especially, he says, are women novelists contemptuously indifferent to their heroes' attire. Women's clothes, on the other hand, observes the tailor, get no end of attention, and he believes that the makers, therefore, are crowding the tailors to the wall, at least in print. He admits that Mrs. Margaret Deland condescends to allude occasionally to Dr. Lavendar's flowered cashmere dress in gown and red silk handkerchief; and he has this to say of the author of "Rulers of Kings:" "If any man in fiction really wants justice done to his clothes, he ought to get Gertrude Atherton to write him up. She does not devote so much space to the coats of her heroes as to the gowns of her heroines, but usually she manages to give a pretty good idea as to the cut, color, and style of the apparel, and if hard pushed she might divulge the name of the tailor. She has preference for gray. Most of her men appear in garments of that subdued

POLITICAL NOTICES.

VOTE FOR—

JOHN V. BURNS.

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Nominee for Representative.

VOTE FOR—

JAMES N. LAWS.

Regular Democratic
Nominee for Representative.

VOTE FOR—

ISAAC BERGMAN,

Regular Democratic
Nominee for Treasurer.

VOTE FOR—

GEO. W. MORTON,

Regular Democratic
Nominee for Sheriff.

VOTE FOR—

P. J. GOODMAN,

Republican Nominee
For Justice of the Peace.

VOTE FOR—

CHAS. A. HEILBORN,

Regular Republican
Nominee for Treasurer.

VOTE FOR—

C. G. PALMBERG,

Regular Republican
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VOTE FOR—

THOMAS LINVILLE,

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